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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Address of the American Jewish Committee's
80th Anniversary Meeting

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1. Action Requested: None. This is background information for your address to the 80th Anniversary Meeting of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), Thursday, 15 May 1986, 12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Salon F and G at the J. W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., at the corner of 14th Street, N.W., and Pennsylvania Avenue.
Phone: 393-2000.

2. Arrangements: You are asked to arrive at 12:15 p.m., at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. You will be met by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum in the lobby and escorted to the luncheon meeting for your address of the plenary session of the AJC. You will be seated at the head table with the following AJC officers:

Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum	Director International Relations
Mr. Howard I. Friedman	National President
Mr. Theodore Ellenoff	Chairman Board of Governors
Dr. David M. Gordis	Executive Vice President
Mr. Bruce M. Ramer	National Vice President
Mr. Norman Alexander	Chairman of 80th Anniversary Meeting
Mr. Robert Jacobs	Chairman National Executive Committee
Mr. Edward Elson	Incoming Chairman Board of Trustees

Mr. Friedman will be on your right and Mr. Ramer on your left. (See opposite for biographies.)

After lunch and at approximately 12:45 p.m., you and the rest of the head table will move to the dais for your speech. Mr. Ramer will introduce you and monitor the questions and answers. The suggested format for your address is 20 - 25 minutes of remarks followed by 30 minutes of Questions and Answers. You have agreed to provide a copy of your speech in advance so that it can be distributed to the press following your address. The theme of the session is "The Rising Threat of Terrorism to Democratic Societies." The Committee has asked you to

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touch on "the role American citizens and voluntary organizations, such as the AJC, can play in combating terrorist violations against persons and property." Rabbi Tanenbaum will follow your presentation with a few remarks on the American Jewish Committee's program that supports the Administration's efforts here and abroad in containing the rise of terrorism. A podium, mike, and neck mike will be available for you. Your remarks will be taped by the organization for our historical records.

Audience: You can expect an audience of approximately 300 leaders of the AJC. Although the print media will be present, the electronic media will not be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. The AJC does not anticipate foreign nationals attending the luncheon.

Background: The American Jewish Committee is a lobbyist group that was founded in 1906 and has 50,000 members. The members are American citizens of Jewish faith from more than 600 communities. The AJC underwrites education and human relations programs. According to the Encyclopedia of Religious Associations, the Committee "combats bigotry, protects religious and civil rights, and maintains a library." Recently the AJC sent a letter to the President in support of the Administration's action against Colonel Qaddafi and international terrorism. (See opposite.)

Secretary of State George Shultz, Senator Rudy Boschwitz (IR MN), Representative Sidney R. Yates (D IL), and Secretary of the Department of Education William J. Bennett will be the other featured speakers during the conference. (See opposite for complete conference agenda.)

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